

Announcements Today.
Union Opera House—Admission and Revue.
Canton—Battles of Vicksburg.

hot in Congress has been repeated with equal intensity of feeling in the National Democratic Conventions, where the free traders and protectionists have met again and again to contend for a more decided mastery and a more complete humiliation of their foes than has ever been witnessed yet. The same condition of affairs has also existed in the Democratic journals, where free trade and protection have been discussed without reservation or restraint. Perhans if there has been a distinction, the contest has been more severe there than in Congress.

Throughout this long and bitter warfare almost the sole victory of the free traders has been the election of Hon. John G. Campbell to the Speakership of the House of Representatives. In Congressional legislation, and in the declarations of the national conventions, the protectionists have generally carried the day.

But the result of all these contests has been that when it came to the election of a President the Democracy has always been united, and there has been no effective effort for a revolt of free traders. There has never been a free trade candidate for President nor for Governor, nor do we recollect of a candidate for Congress who was a free trader as distinguished from a Democrat, and in spite of the suggestion made by this free trade Democrat, there is little likelihood of the Democratic candidate for Congress this fall being opposed by free trade Democrats.

The prohibitionists, on the other hand, although they are mainly of Republican prejudices, have never figured prominently in the National Republican Conventions. The Republicans in Congress also have watched their Democratic colleagues disputing over the tariff with a satisfaction apparently as undisturbed as if there wasn't a Prohibitionist outside of the State of Maine. But although the Prohibitionists have never seriously disturbed the Republican side of the national legislature, they have put forward candidates for State offices and for Congress, and even for President, and at last, in 1884, they beat Mr. Blaine.

It would probably strike the members of the free trade league as absurd to tell them that the power of the free traders was as nothing compared to that of the Prohibitionists, but by actual demonstration in the past, and by the promise of the future, such is the fact. Whatever diversion there may be from the Democracy in 1888, it is not likely to be brought about through the action of the free traders.

Major Powell's Line of Displacement.
The opinion attributed to Major Powell of the United States Geological Survey is startling, if somewhat vaguely expressed. The earthquake itself was a trifling shock compared with that which will shake public confidence in the general soundness of this part of the earth's crust, provided Major Powell's diagnosis is confirmed.

Major Powell is reported as saying that there is a line of weakness in the geological formation of the Atlantic coast extending somewhere south of Raleigh and extending along tidewater, past Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, and Troy, New York; that the line of weakness is "marked by a displacement," and that in some places the displacement is "a fracture in the rocks, in other places a fault." Major Powell adds that the principal waterfalls of the Atlantic slope are found in the neighborhood of this displacement, and that it "will be interesting to discover the relations of this line of displacement or weakness."

How He Would Look?
Old Saddlebag will address the Democratic Convention at Indianapolis day after tomorrow. He can deliver a speech, if he chooses to, that will walk the echoes in every State of the Union. That is the effect of a speech by Joseph E. McDonald accepting the nomination of the convention as its candidate for Congress.

other can perfectly well be attended to by special envoys.
All ordinary business can be managed by Consuls.
What is the use, then, of maintaining in foreign countries a system of diplomatic establishments whose most conspicuous attributes are uselessness, and expense? They should all be shut up.

The Republican candidate for Governor of Tennessee is Mr. ALFRED A. TAYLOR. His brother, ROBERT L. TAYLOR, is the Democratic candidate, with rather better chances of election—that is to say, unless the Prohibitionists nominate NATHANIEL G. TAYLOR, the father of ROBERT and ALFRED, as they talk of doing, and draw largely from the Democratic vote.

A triangular contest between Hon. ALFRED and the old gentleman would be one of the most interesting spectacles ever afforded by American politics.

There has come from the city of Mexico no specific denial of the charge that Mr. Seward now wears a new hat.

SENATOR ALLISON ON 1888.
Blaine is stronger than in 1884, and then the same.

PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS.
The interior of the earth is constantly losing heat.

A New Reason Why We Did Not Have War.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Capt. Endicott's electric ship railway lobby was active in Washington all winter. This interest alone is sufficient to show that the war between us and Mexico is not inevitable.

Take Them All Away.
The great moral of Mr. ARTHUR G. Seward's mission to Mexico is that the whole diplomatic service is a humbug.

EXPLAINING THE PHENOMENON.
The Government says that it knows the cause of the earthquake.

The earthquake was caused by a conjunction of certain heavenly bodies; Prof. Newcomb says that the stars had nothing to do with it; Prof. Anshoff says that the earthquake was caused by a slight settlement of the lower rocks along the line of displacement, referred to by the geologists as the "line of weakness."

THE TOWER HILL STILL SPOILING.
Violent Disturbances in Indiana—The Earth Turns Up by Explosions.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—The Republican special from Belle Plaine, Mo., reports that it is still vomiting forth floods of water.

TESTING THE VOICES.
Sixty-one young women desirous of finding places in the chorus of the American opera tried their voices yesterday before Mr. Thomas, the director, and Mr. Gustav Henrichs, assistant director, in the large chorus drill room of the Academy of Music.

WILLIAM CAMERON'S HUSBAND ON THE WAR PATH.
LONDON, Sept. 1.—Mr. Debenham, husband of Viscountess Cameron, today applied for a summons against Lord Cameron, claiming the publication of a libelous article in the Standard.

A Decision Under a New Law.
Under the recent enactment of the Legislature, all persons held in confinement in the State Prison for a period of six months or more have been pardoned.

THE BARK BURNED BY A HURRICANE.
The bark Ellen Reed of Bath, which arrived yesterday from London, was destroyed by a hurricane on the coast of the United States.

THE ILLINOIS REPUBLICANS.
They Assent that President Cleveland Has Failed to Keep His Promises.

HE SAYS THE TORY GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM.
LONDON, Sept. 1.—In the House of Commons this evening Mr. Sexton moved his amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech, which is as follows:

IN OFFERING HIS AMENDMENT MR. SEXTON CHARGED THAT THE RIOTS IN BELFAST HAD BEEN CAUSED AND PROCESSED IN THE INTEREST OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

THE FARMER TAFT OF Uxbridge, Mass., has a pair of steers which he drives to harness, and which he uses with four in the carriage, four miles in half an hour.

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THE MUSEUM OF THE BULGARIAN REVOLUTION.
The Museum of the Bulgarian Revolution, which was opened in Sofia, contains a collection of arms and other objects of interest.

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A SHINING LIGHT IN THE METHODIST CHURCH ACQUAINTANCE.
PROVIDENCE, Sept. 1.—The Rev. Charles L. Goodell, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, is in trouble.

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